

HOUSE BILL 2102  
By Hargett

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-2-129,  
relative to the wages or salaries of employed prisoners in  
county jails or workhouses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-2-129, is amended by deleting  
subsection (c) and substituting instead the following:

(c) By order of the county board of commissioners, or county legislative body if  
there is no county board of commissioners, or in the case of jail prisoners, the wages or  
salaries of employed prisoners shall be disbursed for the following purposes in the order  
stated:

(1) The board of the prisoner;

(2) Reimbursements for victim's assistance. Monies contributed will first  
be applied to the county-operated victim's assistance program and if no program  
exists, then monies will be applied to the victims of crime assistance fund  
established in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-205, or the criminal  
injuries compensation fund or victims of drunk drivers compensation fund  
established in Tennessee Code Annotated, 40-24-107, in an amount not less  
than two and one-half percent (2.5%) and not more than five percent (5%) of the  
inmate's net wages; in addition to reimbursement to the actual victim(s) of the  
offense if so ordered;

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(3) Necessary travel expense to and from work and other incidental expenses of the prisoner;

(4) Support of the prisoner's dependents, if any, the amount to be determined by the local governing body of the county workhouse or by the county legislative body in the case of jail prisoners;

(5) Payment of docket costs connected with the commitment of the person;

(6) Payment either in full or ratably of the prisoner's obligations acknowledged by the prisoner in writing or which have been reduced to judgment; and

(7) The balance if any to the prisoner upon the prisoner's discharge.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.